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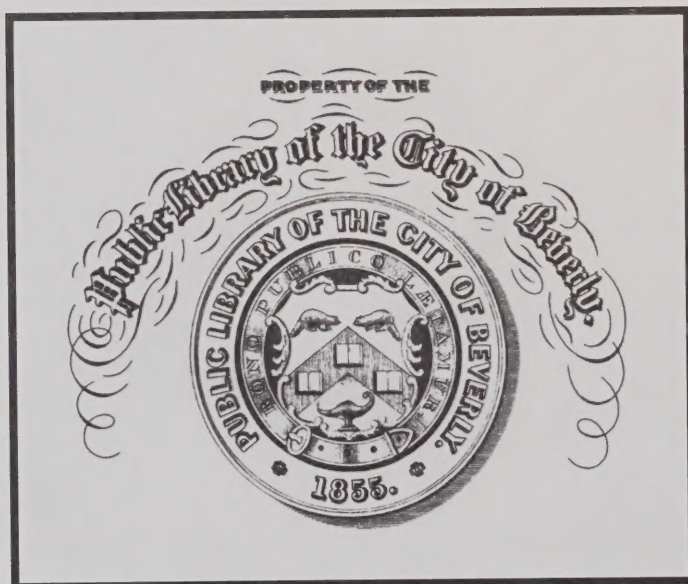
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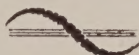
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TO THE WORLD—Merry Christmas



# Fireside Folklore

## Bomb Flight



AS Tommy Johnson stood in front of the Star Airlines hangar, a big four-motored plane took off on its non-stop flight to Kansas City. Tommy was nineteen years old, a messenger boy for the Star Airlines,

but hoped to become pilot later on in life.

As he strolled down past the radio room he heard, "Kansas City calling New York." It was repeated three or four times. He wondered why Bill Barry, the radio operator, didn't answer the call. He turned and went into the radio room and to his amazement, he saw Bill lying on the floor with his hands, legs, and mouth taped up. He released Bill and was about to question him when Bill jumped to the radio. He said into the microphone, "New York answering; go ahead Kansas." Kansas came in, "Hold flight twenty-four. We have just received information that there is a time bomb on board this ship which is carrying the new army bomb sight."

Tommy listened with his eyes wide open. Suddenly he remembered that he had just seen "flight 24" take off. He asked Kansas where on board the ship the bomb was. Grabbing a can of black paint, he wrote on the side of a fast plane "Bomb under pilot's seat."

Tommy had only completed six hours in the air, but he could handle a plane fairly well. Taxiing out on the field, he gunned the motor and roared down the field for a take-off.

While in the air, he had the motor wide open most of the time. After about twenty-five minutes flying, he could see the big plane in the distance. Quickly overtaking it he dived down in front of it, trying to attract attention. Then, leveling off and flying at the same speed, he saw the co-pilot wave and hold the bomb out the window. Over a large field, he let the bomb drop. Tommy looked back at a large black hole. He tried not to think what would have happened if he had not arrived in time.

DOUGLAS NELSON, G4.

## Life in America

LIFE in America is very different from any other place in the world. When I wake up in the morning, I have no fear of planes dropping bombs of destruction from above, while I have to run for my life to the nearest bombshelter. Nor do I have to get up and see if there is a next door neighbor or just a pile of rocks and wood stacked up where once a house had stood.

When I come to school, I take my time, and I have no fear of the school being bombed while I am in it. When I arrive home from school I go out to play any game I desire. I do not have to stay near home or the bombshelter. I can go to the football game in a field that has not been turned into an airport or a bombshelter. I can do what I want to do, without fear, all day long. On Sunday I can go to church knowing it has not been bombed by planes.

It's great to live in America and be an American!

JAMES MITCHELL, G4.

### Blitzkrieg

The memory of our cafeteria comes to me now  
As I sit here with pen in hand.

I can hear the patter of feet, the chatter of  
voices,

The quick click as one glass touches another.

The refreshing tang of food assails my nostrils,  
Sharp and distinct as the cool autumn breeze  
Blowing o'er the sea, sometimes sending leaves,  
A whirlpool of multi-colored objects, flying in  
the air.

Our cafeteria, teeming with life is the refuge  
Of hungry, sometimes tired, and discouraged  
children,

Who always benefit by this brief recess.

JEANNE WELLS, *Art Editor*

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### Christmas Day

Christmas is a joyous time,  
The best of all the year;  
Old folks and young folks gather around  
For their share of fun and cheer.

Christmas spirit fills the air,  
And hearts are young and gay;  
If only it could last the year,  
Instead of just one day.

GRACE KIRrane, G1.

### Christmas

It's Christmas morning in the village,  
And the people are jolly and gay,  
To spend many hours in happiness  
On this beautiful Christmas day.

While over in war-torn Europe  
There are planes flying high above,  
Dropping bombs on hundreds of people,  
Destroying happiness, kindness, and love.

It's a pity the way the people must live,  
In those desolate countries of war.  
But oh how grateful we all must be,  
That we have freedom and peace, not war.

ELLIS PURINTON, JR., L3.

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### Propaganda!

It's a weapon used by many nations,  
'Tis used by many races,  
Some say the enemy's low on rations;  
Or they've bombed their naval bases.

One side states no ships were gone;  
The other the whole navy was sunk,  
But don't forget, as sure as you're born,  
Most of it is all "bunk".

Propaganda is the staff of war,  
But don't let it fool you;  
Sift the matter to the core,  
And make your judgment true.

WARREN F. AMES, C1.



## Changes of Today

ON a sunny tranquil July afternoon three years ago, I stood in Trafalgar Square, tossing bread crumbs to a flock of hungry pigeons who strutted haughtily about the grounds of St. Paul's Cathedral.

Peering upward, one would see the immense cathedral tower. Looking to the left we viewed Nelson's Monument, guarded by the four faithful lions whose protective aspect challenged all to admire, and pass on.

But that sunny tranquil day, has now changed to a dark, dreary day of bombing and air raids, making it hard for me to visualize how the nations at war suffer at this moment. The eerie signal of the air-raid siren warns all to descend to the smothering atmosphere of an underground shelter. Hearing of the brave deeds performed by the clearing squads, we exclaim over their acts, when so faithfully they try to save a bit of historic London. In these beautiful cathedral grounds recently a fine deed of heroism was shown when a Canadian officer risked his life to prevent a time bomb from exploding.

Continually I wonder what has happened to the peace-loving pigeons, who so contentedly nibbled the meager bread crumbs. And do the loyal lions still guard their hero, Lord Nelson?

SALLY MCKAY, L1

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### A Rendezvous with a Skunk

LEAPING and yelling, my dog Lean went bounding ahead, hot on the trail of some denizen of the woods. It was the first time I had taken her hunting since she had been given to me for my birthday a week before.

Much to my satisfaction, she was showing the spirit of a real hunting dog.

During the first hour she routed two rabbits and I dropped them with my gun. After resting for awhile, we resumed our hunt and Lena picked a new scent. Eagerly she led me on. It seemed like an endless time before she finally stopped and stood wagging her tail a few feet in front of me. When I caught up with her, I looked down to see what she was so excited about. Right then, I received a bad shock. There, facing us, was an animal whose method of protecting himself is very disturbing to those who chance to come across him. When the deodorous miscreant became aware of our presence, he shifted into position. Almost as quickly, my mind flashed a message of alarm to my legs, and as soon as they were in working order, I headed them for sunnier parts. Poor Lena, with her tail waving majestically and not getting the drift of my actions, stood there eyeing the skunk. After the first deluge she put her tail between her legs and headed after me like a thunderbolt.

Good old Lena, faithful, eager, but unwise to the animals of the woods!

PERLEY DEFazio, C3.

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### Christmas

In the far away countries across the sea;  
Christmas is different we'll all agree;  
To people over there it's just another day,  
Of bombing and air raids and fleeing away.

We all should be thankful and sing with praise  
That we live in America, the land of the brave;  
But do all we can to help over there,  
To lighten their burdens, and show that we care.

BARBARA SULLIVAN, 9C2

## A Candle in the Window

"Tell us a story, Grandma," the children begged as a white-haired old lady entered the room.

"Well, I will tell you about a Christmas Eve's adventure of mine during the War between the States."

"The snow had fallen as it did today and as night approached a regular blizzard accompanied it. My mother called me to her and gave me a candle.

"Light it and put it in the window," she said. "It will light the traveler on his way."

I placed it in the window and it threw a little gleam upon the snow.

After all the younger children were in bed, Mother sat down by the fire and went on with her mending.

Then a loud knock at the door. I hastened to open it, and there stood a young man about twenty years old. He stood breathless in the doorway trembling with fear, and suffering from the bitter cold. After he caught his breath he told me that he had some valuable papers that the Yankees, who were in close pursuit of him, must not get.

He had seen the candle and stopped, feeling that someone would help him.

Of course we would. We hurried him into the house and closed the door. Mother, an expert at quick thinking, brought him one of her dresses and a cap which he hurriedly donned. Throwing a shawl over his shoulders she handed him her knitting and told him to impersonate an old lady.

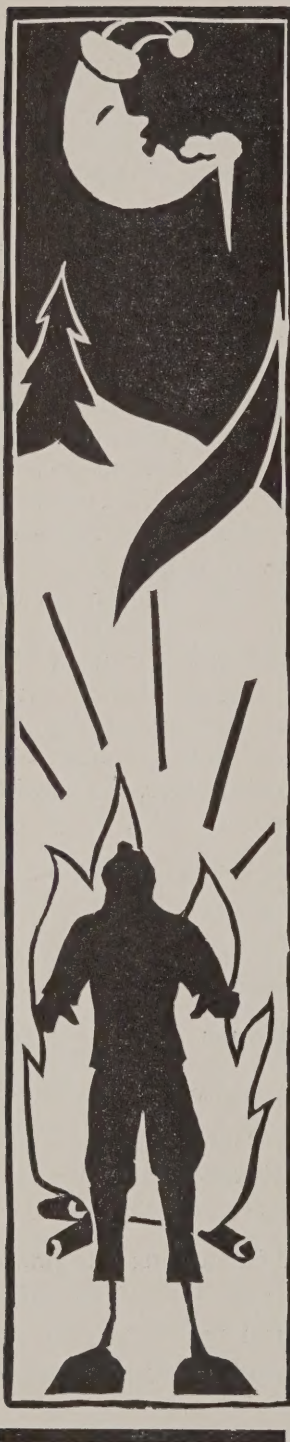
The pursuers soon came in, but saw no one except Mother, me, and the old lady who was busily knitting. After a few questions they seemed convinced that we had seen nothing of the boy whom they were seeking.

After they had ridden away, Mother brought out our Christmas cake and cut it. Then she, the young man, and I ate in celebration of his rescue. Do any of you know who this young man is now?"

"Grandfather!" cried all the children.

"You are right," smiled Grandmother. "And now she finished. "You have heard my experience which I'll never forget and I hope you will always put a candle in your window on Christmas Eve to light some traveler on his way."

SHIRLEY HAMILTON, C4.





## Origin of Christmas

PEOPLE and camels crowded the little town of Bethlehem in Palestine. All had come because the governor had sent out word that everyone must come to Bethlehem to be taxed. A man and woman came into town that evening. The man was walking and led a donkey on which sat a lovely, but tired woman. The inn at which they stopped had all its rooms occupied. The innkeeper, however, took them out to the stables where they would at least have shelter and a place to lie down. During that night God gave to Mary and Joseph a Baby Boy. Mary made Him a bed of hay in a manger because of no other bed to lie Him in. They named Him, Jesus.

That same night the Shepherds were taking care of their sheep on the hillside. Suddenly a shepherd said, "What was that? It sounded like music."

Looking up they saw such a bright light that they had to close their eyes for a moment. When they opened them an angel stood before them. She said, "There is born today a Baby who will bring joy to you and to people everywhere. You will find him in a manger in Bethlehem." Quickly they started to town and found Mary, Joseph, and the Baby. They fell upon their knees before the Baby and repeated a part of the angel's song, "Glory to God in the Highest."

Far off in another country lived the Wise Men. One night they were looking at the sky and noticed a star they had never seen before. It was shining brighter than any of the others. They said it meant but one thing, a new king has been born. Following the star they began their journey. They could not find Him in Palestine so they went to Bethlehem. There they found Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. Then they opened their gifts. One brought gold; another, a box of spices; and another, sweet-smelling incense. The Wise Men left after Mary thanked them for their gifts. Ever since this day, December 25, has been called Christmas and celebrated each year.

GLORIA SOUCY, C3.





### Santa's Visit

Santa Claus played a trick one night,  
On a group of little boys;  
While supposed to be sleeping, they switched  
on the light,  
And were fishing their stockings for toys.

Santa noiselessly peeked in the room,  
But he knew not what he should do;  
Thinking awhile he said to himself,  
"I'll give them a scare! That's what I'll do".

Very quickly and quietly he snapped off the  
light,  
Oh my! Those children were scared!  
Snuggling right down and shivering from fright,  
The boys fell asleep, I declare!

Santa then tiptoed into the room,  
As he looked at the children he grinned;  
But he went right to work with some toys  
from his bag,  
And filled up their socks to the brim.

PRISCILLA NYMAN, *Literary Editor*.

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### Christmas

Christmas here is full of joy and cheer  
But for people in Europe it's dread and fear;  
Here in this fair land of ours  
We're free of all dictator powers;  
O Lord, we pray that all wars cease  
Let us have a world of goodwill and peace!

VERONICA RICCIARDI, C1.

### The American Flag

I am the American Flag  
My colors are red, white and blue  
I represent strength and bravery  
And courage, strong and true.

I am loved and respected by all  
As I fly over this nation so free  
And when menaced by countries afar  
Loyal millions spring to defend me.

I proclaim the achievement and progress  
Of American people so fine  
And stand for the Constitution  
Which governs this land of mine.

JOAN ROBINSON, CP4.

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### If

(*With Apologies to Rudyard Kipling*)

If you can write a verse in composition  
And do the outside reading through the year;  
If you can write a story of creation  
And read it in the class without a fear;  
If you can learn the rules of punctuation  
And know your grammar and your spelling too;  
If you can master all the education  
Which the teacher of your class presents to you;  
If you can know the answer to each question  
And volunteer to do the easy and the hard,  
To you I would venture the suggestion  
In June, there'll be an A upon your card.

NATALIE COLE, *Alumni Editor*.



## Boys' Town

OUT in the great state of Nebraska a man by the name of Father Flanagan has put his life's work into building a home for boys who are without parents. When I visited this town in the summer, a large white chapel was under construction. Huge dormitories where the boys sleep are cleaned by the boys themselves. Great fields of corn are cultivated, and every boy does his part. The discipline problem is taken care of by the deprivation of some privilege; for example, having to miss a football game, or not being allowed to use the swimming pool. Recreation rooms, where the boys can listen to the radio, write letters or engage in other interesting activities are provided. Father Flanagan sees to it that the boys get all the food they need. Over 500 loaves of bread are used in one day by the boys. Money for all of this is provided by the people from all over the country. Visitors who go there do not wonder why these boys are so happy.

While there, I had a personal interview with the mayor of Boys' Town. He told me about the machine shops where rope is twined for different uses, and shops where the boys are trained for different kinds of work which fit them for the future. For at the age of twenty-one a boy who wishes to leave Boys' Town can do so. Father Flanagan sees that he gets a job, and keeps careful watch of him. The mayor himself is a fine example of American boyhood. He is of medium height, with light red hair, and has a very charming personality. He, along with all the other boys, are grateful to Father Flanagan for giving him a home, a new chance to live and enjoy life.

HOWARD KEECH, C3.

## Briscoe's War Guest

MISS Sheelah Duce, now residing in Beverly Farms, graciously consented to an interview by a member of the *Briscoe Briefs* staff in which she recounted her numerous experiences in the current war, recalling air-raids in which planes, as they were shot down, seemed to drop out of the sky like flies.

Seventy miles from London, in the large coastal town of Southampton, England, with her mother and two sisters, in the middle of September, 1940, she bade farewell to home and friends, journeyed to Liverpool, arriving there in an air-raid.

After a delay of two days when a bomb fell forty feet away during an air-raid, with other evacuee children, they embarked on the ship, *Sythia*, escorted by a convoy of eight ships. Two days later, their home lay flat on the ground.

After ten days of fairly rough voyaging, during which a pursuing enemy submarine was reported destroyed, the valiant group first stepped on American soil at New York.

Coming to a school like Briscoe is an entirely new experience. Hitherto, she went to the Girl's Grammar School—Beverly High's exterior reminds her of it—where she studied algebra, geography, geometry, chemistry, science, English history, English literature, gym, needlework, cooking, and grammar.

Sky-scrapers, the large number of automobiles and wooden houses are novelties, and she emphasized her gratitude for quiet nights saying, "Now I can sleep. Before, the sirens wailed all night."

In closing she said that Americans had been most helpful and that they particularly impressed her as being very kind.

VIRGINIA NICKERSON, *Editor-in-Chief*.



# *Snapshots from L-1*

## **An Unusual Pleasure**

I love to be out in the pouring rain,  
To let the tiny drops strike my bare face;  
To trudge through every puddle along my way;  
Properly dressed for such stormy weather.  
I find it a very unusual pleasure.

SALLY ANN COHN, L1.

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## **Speed**

My eyes, half closed, water in the strong wind  
That stings my face,  
As whizzing down the steep hill  
My swift sled,  
Like a strong snowplow,  
Sends snow flying  
On each side of my speedy chariot,  
Leaving tracks,  
Like footprints left by a timid animal.

ALBERTA FRASER, L1.

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## **Noisy Saviors**

Roaring engines and screaming sirens  
Speed to the aid of the flaming home,  
Where trapped and helpless, one may be;  
But I just turn over  
And pray they won't disturb me.

JOHN BARRY, L1.

## **Snow**

The gentle fall of winter's snow,  
Thrills me from head to toe;  
The white upon the ground,  
Is a soft blanket placed on plants and trees,  
To keep them warm.

WARREN GRIFFITHS, L1.

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## **Cuddled and Cozy**

I dread the sight of a half slimy worm,  
Peering out of the bitten rose-red apple—  
The white of the apple like clear meringue,  
Broken by the muddy brown body.

FRANCES BONJORNO, L1.

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## **The Sun**

The sun is a glorious thing,  
That comes alike for all,  
Lighting the peasant's lowly cot,  
And the noble's painted hall.

FRANCES KAY, L1.

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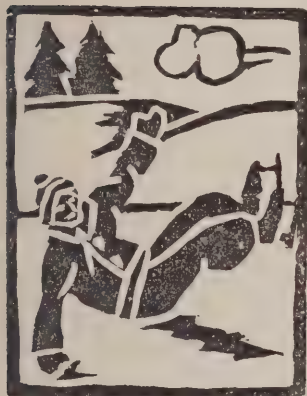
## **Home Made Bread**

Ah! that delicious smell  
When through the open doorway  
Comes wafted on a breeze  
The pungent odor of homemade bread.

JEAN PURINTON, L1.



# Little Men About Briscoe



*WERE You There* when Miss Porter tried to explain subtraction of Algebra? Sonny Allen wasn't! He was dreaming . . . *Lost!* An appendix. Finder please return to Marjorie Martin. . . .

*Oops! Watch out!* Mr. Rhuland lurks around the next corner with his pet camera. . . *Quarterly Tests* have come. P. S. So have low marks . . . *So tall!* Daniel Towers over all the ninth graders . . . *Confidentially* you traffic officers had better expect low marks on your report cards! By a bit of mathematical deduction we have discovered that you lose nine hours of class work every year. This is done by leaving class early and entering late. If you don't believe this ask one of our columnists to prove it. They will! . . . *Buzzzz!* Evidently Miss Whorff is having another Briscoe Briefs meeting . . . *We're Proud* of our Briscoe football team. They haven't been beaten at all this season. *Psssst!* What's that? Oh, just the radiator letting off steam. Or is it the fellow in back of me? The teacher wonders . . . *Did You Notice* that the Briscoe students gave much more hearty cooperation to the Beverly Teachers' Institute than to the Beverly Teachers' Association Play? We wonder why! It couldn't be because the BTI meant a holiday, could it? . . . *Clash! Bang!*

Somebody just spilled his galley down at the shop. Pick it up! . . . *Rain or Snow:* The modern Briscoe Rideouts in Room 37, like all weathermen, predicted a wrong forecast again. *Ideal Teacher:* In Raymond Mullally's opinion, an ideal teacher is something that has never been heard of, and most likely never will be . . . *Breaks Records:* L2 English class broke all records in their quarterly tests. It's surprising how easily they manage to get such low marks *with such little effort* . . . *Best Class:* When the L2 division is in Miss Whorff's room, she never seem to hear the passing bell ring! *Maybe* it's because they are the best class she has and she hates to see them leave. *Is Miss Barker* producing as many gentlemen from her character and personality classes as she did last year? Here's hoping. We could use a few more around Briscoe . . . *If* you want to know the difference between sit and set, or lie and lay, ask a CP4 pupil. He ought to know . . . *Tap! Tap! Tap!* It's only Mrs. Park's typewriting class so don't be alarmed . . . *Left, Right, Forward, Back, Halt!* Whew! I'm in a gym class. There's nothing like it for reducing, girls . . . *Mrs. Greenleaf* sells 3,200 feet or one-half mile of hot dogs every year . . . *Hop, One, Two, Left, Right.* Sounds like dancing instructions. For further information question the boys who are learning . . . *Some Math Divisions*, it seems, do not live up to eighth grade standards. Maybe their seventh grade teacher made a mistake and meant to demote instead of promote them.



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# Opportune Observations

## Democracy at Briscoe



THE duty of every Briscoe citizen is to maintain the laws and keep order. A democracy is run by the people so the Briscoe citizens must unite and cooperate to make democracy continue at Briscoe.

In Briscoe classrooms the student must learn to form his own opinions. He must learn to differ without losing his temper. He must be willing to listen to his opponent's arguments patiently. He must learn to respect the opinions of others even if he does not agree. This is an important part of democracy at Briscoe.

An important factor at Briscoe is obedience. When he is in the corridors, hall, or cafeteria the pupil is on his own, a test in obedience, and a test in self control, two important factors in democracy. The pupil must be loyal to his leaders. He should not "lie down" because he is not becoming a leader. Not everyone is built to be a leader, but every student must be a helpful and constructive follower, willing to do his share.

Let everyone continue to be a good citizen at Briscoe. Then when he becomes a citizen of a larger Democracy—America—his individual contribution will make better the democracy which he serves.

GEORGE TOZER, CP4.

## Christmas Crisis

AMERICA again prepares for the gayest season of the year, Christmastide. Although world conditions throw a slight shadow on the on-coming merriment, America will celebrate despite the conflict on the opposite shores.

Gay carols will be sung, Saint Nicholas will make his grand entrance, and the star on top of the tree will twinkle and shine almost as brightly as did the star that guided the Wisemen.

The shrill whistle of bombs and the monotonous drone of the air-raid sirens will serenade the people of Europe. There will be no colored lights; Kris Kringle will not make his usual appearance; the Star of Bethlehem *must* not shine because it might attract enemy bombers.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to war-torn Europe. May this crisis soon pass away and may the new year bring with it peace and understanding. Only by "good will among men" can pestilence and suffering be banished in any land.

RUTH GLOVER, *Columnist.*

## Signals A-B-H Hike!

THE referee's whistle has blown ending the first quarter of school. Unfortunately the team has been thrown for big losses. This is not the time to give up! Rally your team! You can punt yourself out of danger. Hold them! With the ball in your possession you can earn a victory by marching down the field and scoring an A. Then kick the extra point with an H. Your opponents will try to score upon you. Stop them with better work!



At the "half" give yourself a "pep talk." Refresh yourself! Enter that second half fighting. Score in every subject and be sure to kick the extra point.

How proud you will be to score those touchdowns as a result of your own determination.

FRANCIS GLAZIER, L1.

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### Briscoe Training Ground

THERE is a great crisis in the world today, for many large nations are engaged in war across the sea. These countries, led by their greedy dictators, are fighting for power and more power. So the end of this second world war may decide the future of many nations. America may be the only democracy left in the world, the only country governed "by the people and for the people." The United States may be the only country where a Bill of Rights under which the citizens are guaranteed freedom of religion, of speech, of press, freedom to peaceably assemble, and to petition their government, the privilege of a fair trial, and the election of their leader is still in force.

The boys and girls of today are the men and women of tomorrow. Therefore the pupils here at Briscoe must think hard and act wisely on the problems of their school. Democracy demands giving and living rather than taking and getting.

If the American way of life is to continue the citizens must be trained in youth to live in a democratic way.

In the Briscoe "Bill of Rights" its citizens have the American freedom of speech, of press, and of assemblies which entails much responsibility.

The freedom to speak and the freedom to criticise must be used fairly, honestly and helpfully. This demands thought and con-

sideration of others and their opinions.

There can be no room for prejudice, partiality and intolerance. Freedom of speech and press demands intelligent study of all sides of the question.

In Briscoe assemblies it is the duty of the pupil to be orderly and control himself, not through the discipline of the teachers, but through self-discipline.

At Briscoe the representatives and leaders are chosen by the students. Responsibility does not end with this choice, for the pupils must give constructive criticism, helpful co-operation in the hall, on the grounds, or wherever it is needed.

As Briscoe Americans the students must start now to keep, uphold and preserve these great privileges which are American heritages.

JOAN ROBINSON, CP4.

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### Christmas and Turmoil

IN America, the flag is an emblem of freedom and liberty, symbolic of truth and justice, the land over. No immediate destruction and ruin threatens our people and possessions today and we are able to talk and act freely.

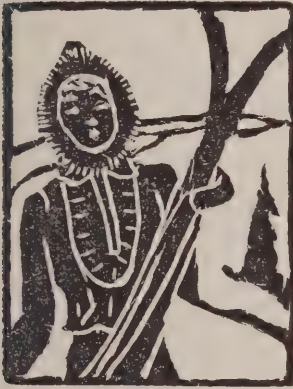
Now, with Christmas coming, our thoughts turn to women and children, oversea, in Europe. Christmas, for them will not be a glad occasion, with the constant fear of bombs and shells bursting, and crushing their homes and loved ones. With every armful of packages, a gas mask is carried; yet every person hopes and prays, the need for use will not come.

Americans should be proud of their democracy, and thankful for the peace and security which their country gives, for truly, compared with the war-stricken, turmoil of Europe, America is a haven for peace-loving people.

PRISCILLA CARTER, C1.

# Peaceful Propaganda

## Welcome Assembly



"REPRESENTING Grade Nine. I bring to the new eighth grade of Briscoe a welcome from all, and the promise of loyal and friendly help, and friendly help," so spoke Edward Roundy, at an assembly on

September 6 under the direction of Miss Anderson. Raymond Smith, Starr King, Edward Roundy, Wilburta Bunker, Pauline Knott, and Martha Tucker, members of the Advisory Council, brought greetings to Grade Eight. Sally Ann Cohn responded for her class. Geraldine Snell sang "Make Believe Island"; Wilburta Bunker played "Her Secret" on the piano, and June Williams entertained with a kit entitled, "At Madam Nebury's."

Perley DeFazio told of the nine points of the *Briscoe Beam* and urged the pupils to support this project of the Advisory Council. Under the direction of Mr. Garniss the school sang, "America the Beautiful", the "Star Spangled Banner," and "Here's to Dear Old Briscoe."

## Thanksgiving Assembly

"TODAY we hear talk on all sides about the American Way. What is it? What is this democracy we are going to defend? What are the rights of freedom which we have? Did the American Way just happen or did some-

one have to toil for it, sacrifice for it, live for it, or die for it?"

These were some of the questions with which the play entitled "Heritage of America" was begun in the assembly hall on Wednesday, November 27. The play showed the spirit of these pioneers in giving the American Way to us. Those who participated in the assembly were; Mary Lou Buckley, Robert O'Brien, Frances Kay, Gordon Hamilton, Lillian Horne, Ralph Johnson, William Hoikila, Perley DeFazio, Russell Pitman, Ruth Glover, Marjorie Martin, Kelvin Freeman, William Mercaldi, Spencer Grey, Armand Fortunato, Richard Gadboes, Kent Rudkin, Francis Dana, Florence York, Sally Ann Cohn, Alice Grady, Mae Joslin, Sally McKay, Arthur Eastwood, Estamaree Shea, Louise Gilbert, Jane Brothie, Edward Roundy, Raymond Smith, Elaine Guarino, Phyllis Webber, Ruth Patten, Peter Petronzio, Simone Laverdiere, Irene Thibault, Jean Purinton. Stage Managers: Orest Manzi and James Maybe.

## Armistice Day

"UNLESS you have a goal in life, life is not very important," said Reverend Roger W. Blanchard in his talk on Moral Rearmament, given in observance of Armistice Day at the Briscoe School Auditorium on November 7. Raymond Smith, president of the Advisory Council, introduced the speaker and the following people took part in the assembly: Erma McLean, John Kearny, Ralph Johnson, and Thomas Quinn. The ninth grade chorus sang "God of Our Fathers," accompanied by the trumpeters, Ralph Johnson, Donald Plummer, and Starr King.



## The Spirit of Briscoe

"B—Be prompt, be on time

R—Respect along the line,"—was sung by seven boys each representing a letter of Briscoe at the assembly held on October 25 and entitled *The Spirit of Briscoe*. The theme of the play portrayed the Spirit of Briscoe, May Andrews, calling upon her assistants, Honor, Service, Fair Play, and Loyalty, to guide the new pupils of Grade Eight in their work here this year. The newly elected advisory council was then inducted into office by Leslie R. Jones, principal. The assembly was written and directed by Miss Helen Anderson.

The cast included Joan Robinson, May Andrews, Jane Howarth, Phyllis Atherton, Theresa Chisholm, Virginia Benham, Lillian Horne, Theresa Mahoney, Nancy Hord, June Williams, Peter Petronzio, John Carr, Robert Benjamin, Michael Pisani, John Dooling, Arthur Reynolds, Edward McGovern, Frederick DeSantis, Vincent Nuccio, Alfred Sanders, Marjorie Martin, Ralph Johnson, and Raymond Smith.

The assembly closed with the songs, "We'll Do Our Best for Briscoe" and "Here's to Dear Old Briscoe."

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## Christmas Plans

PLANS for the Christmas assembly are under way as this issue goes to press. A musical program based on the Christmas story from the Prophecy of Isaiah will be presented by the glee club and ninth grade chorus. The program is under the direction of Mr. Garniss, Mrs. Parks, and Miss Spofford.

## Art Work

THE linoleum block cuts for this issue were designed and cut by the students in the art classes under the direction of Miss Kendall. Cover design, June Merrill; frontispiece, Yolanda Onesta; block on page 1, Laurie Sabine; page 3, Ruth Glover; page 6, William Morgan; page 7, Hugh Collins and Phyllis Courchene; page 11, Phyllis Courchene; page 13, Phyllis Courchene; page 15, Evelyn McClure; page 20, Shirley Norman; page 21, Phyllis Courchene; page 22, Anna Thompson; page 23, Anna Thompson; page 24, Shirley Norman; page 25, Shirley Norman; page 27, John Bresnahan; page 28, Anna Thompson.

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## Parents' Night

THE tramp of feet in the corridors of Briscoe Junior High School on the evening of November 19, indicated the throngs who attended Parents' Night. From 6:45 to 8:45 o'clock conference periods were held in the home-rooms to promote a more sympathetic understanding between the parents and teachers.

At 9 o'clock, in the auditorium, Mr. Leslie R. Jones spoke of the significance of Parents' Night, after which a musical program was presented. The orchestra, the Boys' and Girls' Glee Clubs, and individual solos were featured. A cello solo by Mary Kelly, a trumpet solo by Ralph Johnson, and a flute solo by Francis Dana were presented. Arthur Kluge sang "My Heart's in the Highlands."

## Youth Symphony Concerts

**A**PPROXIMATELY twenty pupils from Briscoe have purchased season tickets for the Youth Symphony Concerts at Symphony Hall, Boston, to be held during the fall and coming winter. The audience is composed of girls and boys of junior and senior high school ages. The concerts give these amateur musicians an opportunity to see and hear intricate music played on various instruments.

The conductor, Wheeler Beckett, through his many fascinating gestures has a personal appeal to the audience. At intermission Mr. Beckett's youth appeal is so great that Mr. Garniss has asked the conductor to Beverly in February to conduct the Young People's Choral Festival. At this festival the chorus will sing for the first time a new choral work by Mr. Beckett entitled "Vesper Invocation". This will provide an opportunity for those who could not attend the Youth Concerts to see this popular man in action.

DOROTHY KING, L1.

## Extra-Curricular Assembly

**T**HE extra-curricular work at Briscoe was explained to the student body at an assembly on Friday, September 20. Each representing one of the various clubs, the following pupils spoke: Martha Tucker, Virginia Nickerson, Ralph Johnson, Margaret Barry, George Thibodeau, Barbara Stacey, William Baker, James Maybe, May Andrews, Carl Morse, Edward Creed, Charles Brackett, Edward Martin, Thomas Quinn, Beverly Baker, June Williams, Wilburta Bunker, Gloria Soucy, Eleanor Hart and Lucille Leonard.

## Yea! Briscoe!

**A** football rally was held in the auditorium of Briscoe School, on Friday, October 4, to arouse enthusiasm for the first home game.

Following the opening exercises, conducted by Joseph Standley, the cheerleaders, Gordon Hamilton, Arnold Checci, Howard Morrison, Phyllis Moore, Natalie Cole, Alice Grady, Howard Keach, and David Kellom, led the school in some cheers. Coach Brown then explained some of the methods used in the Gloucester game. For the benefit of those who were unfamiliar with the sport, he illustrated several plays. Captain Mercaldi urged all the students to be at the game. The band played *Starier March*, *Airport March*, and *Promotion*.

## Football Banquet

**O**N Thursday, November 22, 1940, the Briscoe Football team was given its annual banquet in the Briscoe cafeteria. Mrs. Greenleaf, assisted by her cafeteria staff, prepared them a turkey dinner. Mr. Jones acting as master of ceremonies introduced Police Chief Murney, Superintendent Starr King, and Coach Brown. He also thanked Sergeant Steele, Patrolman Deibner and other gentlemen for their assistance at the games.

Chief Murney spoke of the Briscoe Spirit and how he hoped the Briscoe students will remember it long after they graduate. Coach Brown praised Briscoe's undefeated squad, lauding Paul Harrington and Capt. Mercaldi for their excellent work. He asked the boys to go to high school and keep up their record.

Captain Mercaldi presented Coach Brown with a trophy as a token of appreciation from the squad. After the banquet moving picture were shown.

ALLEN ELLIOT, *Sports Editor*.



## Honor Roll

THE Briscoe Junior High School Honor Roll was announced on Friday, November 8, as follows:

GRADE 8—Major Honors: Jane Brotchie.

Honorable Mention: Frances Bonjorno, Sally Ann Cohn, Barbara Connolly, Francis Dana, William Floyd, Lucille Gove, Spencer Grey, Warren Griffiths, Barbara Haskell, June Johnson, David Kellom, Joan Lindberg, Sally McKay, Priscilla Norman, Ruth Patten, Jean Purinton, Robert Scanzani, Nancy Sweet, Natalie Wells.

GRADE 9—Major Honors: May Andrews, Corrine Davis, Ruth Glover, Nancy Hord, Starr King, Virginia Nickerson, Shirley Norman, Jordan Popkin, Martha Tucker.

Honorable Mention: William Baker, Joan Bott, Jean Cannon, Jean Carpenter, Paul Channell, Geraldine Grose, William Hoikala, Lillian Horne, Pauline Knott, Richard Lawrence, William Mercaldi, Bennett Merry, Phyllis Norton, Priscilla Nyman, Harry O'Leary, Donald Plummer, Pauline Preston, Esterina Romani, Edward Roundy, Raymond Smith, Jeanne Wells.

GRADE 8—Citizenship Honors: John Barter, Naomi Berman, Frances Bonjorno, Rita Bossie, Alice Bower, Mary Lou Buckley, Sarah Cogan, Sally Ann Cohn, Theresa Cronin, Francis Dana, Edward Flook, William Floyd, Armand Fortunato, Alberta Fraser, Natalie Freeman, Joseph Gentile, Francis Glazier, Ruth Goodridge, Lucille Gove, Alice Grady, Spencer Grey, Warren Griffiths, Lois Hanson, Alice Harding,

Virginia Haskell, June Johnson, Frances Kay, David Kellom, Joan Lindberg, Roberta Lindsey, Sally McKay, June Merrill, Phyllis Moore, Priscilla Norman, Vincent Nuccio, Ruth Patten, Peter Petronzio, Ellis Purinton, Donald Richardson, Yolanda Rossi, Marland Slaven, Wilbur Surles, Nancy Sweet, Shirley Trask, Natalie Wells, Richard Whitaker, Mary Wilkinson, Robert Wilkinson.

GRADE 9—Citizenship Honors: William Baker, Virginia Benham, Wallace Bruce, Kathleen Burns, Jean Cannon, Louise Cantone, Theresa Chisholm, Phyllis Courchene, Marie Dupee, Carol Faulkner, Avis Flint, Rose Furnari, Barbara Gallagher, Ruth Glover, Edward Gray, Geraldine Grose, Elinor Hart, Mabel Him, William Hoikala, Marjorie Hopkins, Nancy Hord, Lillian Horne, Effie Kesaris, Pauline Knott, Theresa Mahoney, William Mercaldi, Bennett Merry, John Mollet, Shirley Norman, Priscilla Nyman, Yolanda Onesta, Polly Parker, Arlene Parkinson, Donald Plummer, Pauline Preston, Edward Roundy, Elizabeth Russell, Robert Scott, Geraldine Snell, Gloria Soucy, Elizabeth Story, Betty Surels, Helen Swanson, Martha Tucker, June Williams, Phyllis Norton.

Scholastic—Major honors are awarded to students who receive two A's in major subjects with all other marks B.

Second honors are awarded to students who receive on A in a major subject with all other marks B.

Citizenship—The Citizenship Honor Roll recognizes the outstanding citizens of Briscoe Junior High School. The citizenship awards are made to students having four H's (highly recommended) regardless of the scholastic attainment of the pupil.

# Weighty Weapons

## Nature Club

THE white flag outside the window in Room 37 is not a flag of truce! It is the forecast of the weather which is being sponsored by a committee from the Nature Club. Each morning the group study a barometer and put a flag outside the window to announce the weather forecast for the day. The idea of sewing in Nature Club was met with many groans from the members, but the flags were finally completed.

For the first time this year, the club will study marine life. They expect to make visits to various beaches in Beverly to study the difference in life on rocky shores and life on sandy shores.

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## Band

HEAR ye! Hear ye! Lying in the deep, dark confines of the music closet are a French horn, two tubas, a double bass, a baritone horn and two alto horns besides the regular instruments. This fact accounts for the decrease in the size of the school band, which dwindled from a membership of 44 last year to 25 this year. However, "our" band rode forth in glory atop the Rotary Club float in the Armistice Day parade.

## Home Economics

BY making dresses and skirts and knitting sweaters the members of the Home Economics Club, in charge of Miss Pullen and Miss Ackerman, are doing their bit to help fill the quota for the plea from the American Red Cross.

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## Photocraft

THE Photocraft Club, organized this year, offers to those who are interested and have cameras, a splendid opportunity to learn how to take and develop both moving and still pictures. Mr. Rhuland and Mr. Foley direct the work.

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## Personality

TO learn to show one's best qualities at all times, to acquire better manners and to learn to be at ease when with others is the aim of the Personality Club in charge of Miss Sibyl Barker.



# Book Reviews

## Literary Lapses

By Stephen Leacock



"HOW to Avoid Getting Married", "My Financial Difficulties", and many other amusing stories may be enjoyed by those of you who crave humorous stories. Laugh! You will never realize what this word means until

you read one of these hilarious stories. From a book crammed full of comical situations emerges the story "How to Live to be 200", a tale of a man named Jiggins, who carried out a strict health routine, in order to live longer. Such things as a cold plunge every morning followed a hot sponge, until he supposedly could open and shut his pores at will. This did not seem unusual to a "health maniac" like Jiggins. To stand and breathe at an open window for a half hour before dressing, was another habit.

Many other humorous and rib-splitting stories may be read by borrowing "Literary Lapses" from the library.

PRISCILLA NORMAN, L1.

## Spunk Leader of the Dog Team

By Bartlett

RACING against time, fighting for the glory of their dogs, climbing treacherous icy mountains are but few of the adventure-packed

thrills found in this story. There is a wonderful example of friendship and understanding between these brave men and their courageous dogs. Buck, one of the leading characters of the story, had been taken care of and brought up by Sam Briggs, the hermit's son, who found the dog wounded after a severe beating from Jacques, the villain. If you think loyalty is just being faithful to someone you had better read "Spunk, Leader of the Dog Team", and find out what real loyalty is. In this frozen New England, men like Sam Briggs fight to win races, not for the prize money, but for the glory of their dogs!

OREST MANZI, JBT1.

## The Mystery of the Swaying Curtains

By F. M. Judd

HEAVY draperies swaying in a lonely mansion gives the clue which is needed to solve the mystery that has puzzled all professional investigators, but proves to be fun for the attractive and clever Kay Tracey. Kay, only sixteen years old, solves mysteries in a surprising way. She assembles her clues, puts them together, and the next minute has solved a mystery that has baffled all investigators in this hair raising story "Mystery of the Swaying Curtains", by Frances M. Judd.

SHIRLEY TRASK, JBT1.

# Pacific Projects

## English



THE L3 division has established an English in Action club for the purpose of developing ability to speak before an audience clearly, interestingly, and intelligently. Meetings are held during the English period. The class elected a president, a vice-president, and a secretary, all of whom will serve for one month. A program committee, which consists of five children, select the topic of discussion for the coming month. The president also names a nominating committee which submits names for the next election. At each meeting every member is called upon to do his part in making the program interesting and helpful.

PAUL RANKINS, L3.

## Cooking

IT is ten A. M., and the girls of JBT2 are sitting at their seats, eating the breakfast they have just prepared.

We have prepared and eaten the following—cocoa and toast, goldenrod egg on toast, and applesauce and popovers. We have discussed the kind of food children should eat. Miss Ackerman has given us food chart on which we color a green leaf every time we eat a good breakfast.

THELMA WARD, JBT3.

## Latin

EACH day the class of CP2 gather in Miss Larcom's room for an enjoyable time studying the life of the Romans. We learn not only how to translate Latin into English, but also about the Roman customs and how they dress.

All Roman children wore locketts, called bullas, which were considered a protection against the evil eye of witchcraft. Boys wore them until their fifteenth year, while girls wore them until wedded. Roman ways of dressing were different from ours, for boys wore togas and girls wore tunics.

The Latin language is related to ours, for many of our everyday words come from that language, such as, via, recitation, and lingual.

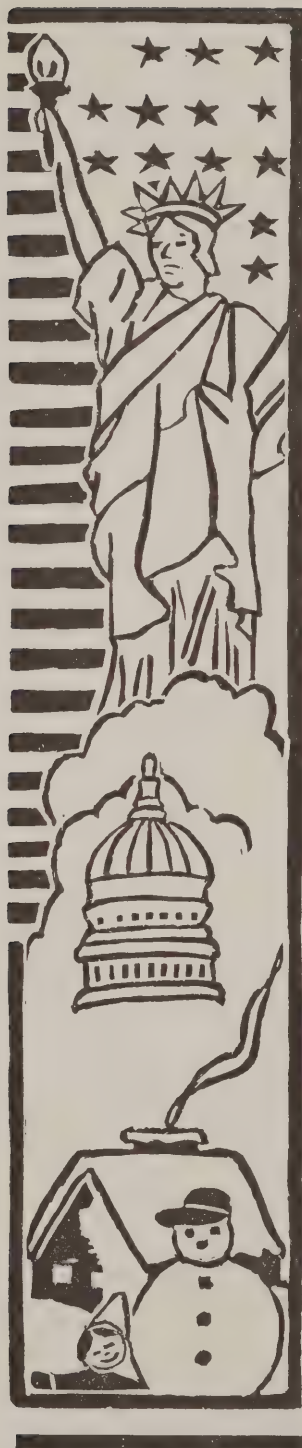
HELENE MORSE, CP2.

## The Mathematics Class

SCRUB! Scrub! Scrub! is what you hear in the mathematics class as they merrily (we hope) erase their problems over and over again. Miss Mullin says, "I wonder what we would do without erasers." Most people would say that the teacher would get some messy papers. However, most of the children go about their work well and steadily, while others look around the room, and when the bell rings, they haven't much done. Sometimes you hear some silly questions, such as, "What's wrong with this problem?" He or she brings the paper to the teacher, and she looks at and says, "How much is seven and five?" He answers, "Twelve." "Well that answers your question, then," says the teacher. "You have thirteen on your paper."

ANNE ROLLINS, L2.





### Gymnastics

GYM is the most interesting class for the boys of G2. During the first period on Thursday, we go over to the "Y" to spend forty-five minutes playing basketball and having relay races. All that you can hear is baskets swishing, boys yelling, and feet thumping on the track. After our lesson we take showers and run back to school for our next lesson.

IRVING SMITH, G2.

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### Helpful Hints

The sewing pupils of JBT1 discovered that they had to do many more tasks besides sewing this year. One thing that they have to be careful about is the care of their fingernails. Some nails are long and clawlike, while others are short and stubby. A satisfactory nail is filed neatly, not too long nor too short. Also they have to learn how to be quicker and not so clumsily slow while sewing. I am sure that as the year goes by JBT1 will show much improvement.

ERMA McLEAN, JBT1.

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### The Dreadful Week

Oh! Gosh! Such groans as these escape from the lips of the pupils of L1 as Miss Whorff gently breaks the news of the quarterly test. As they go on to the other teachers in their class rooms, those teachers also break to them the dreaded news. More groans, more tests to be thought about. Sharpening of pencils and wits.

After the test papers are passed in, many pupils look tired and worn out. The next week the papers are passed back to their owners. We see some are discouraged and down-hearted, while some have smiles upon their faces. Which one were you?

NATALI WEELLS, L1.

### Printing

"DON'T drop that type" is often heard in the printing class. Each boy is given a job to do and is marked on it. They are marked on how many jobs they have done. Not only are they marked on the number of jobs, but for cleanliness and carefulness as well. They are taught to mind their own business and to pay strict attention to their work. The three qualities for a good printer are cleanliness, carefulness, and attention to work.

HAROLD PAOLINI, G4.

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### Typewriting

SCREECH! Don't let that scare you! It's only CP4 adjusting the seats in the typewriting room. Buzz,—that's only Joan Robinson carrying out the good neighbor policy. After everyone is somewhat calmed down, Mrs. Parks has us practice. Every Monday we have a test on a slant, such as the "j" slant. The clattering and banging starts all over again when the warning bell rings, for we have to cover our typewriters and get ready to pass to the next class.

ROBERT GARDNER, CP4.

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### Civics

Since this is election year, C3 has been studying politics. Miss Hazelton showed us old ballots which had pictures over the party represented. People could be paid to vote a straight ticket under a certain picture. Now no pictures are used, and a ballot is harder to read. Now only people who can read and write can vote.

FRANCES HERZOG, C3.





# Tenacious Troops



THE first ninth grade class to graduate from Briscoe Junior High School was the class of 1937, which graduated from Beverly High School last June, class of 1940. This fall finds many of our old friends of 1937 enrolled at the following institutions:

*Richard Benjamin* at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine.

*Virginia Tirrell* at Northfield Seminary, Northfield, Massachusetts.

*Jean McKay* at Abbot Academy for Girls in Andover.

*Meryll Frost* at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire.

*Richard Patten* at Wentworth Institute, Boston.

*Blanche Thresh, Eleanor Austin, and Jean Pedric* at the Massachusetts School of Art in Boston.

*Caroline Hill* at Emma Willard School in Troy, New York.

*Barbara Cole* at Stoneleigh College, Rye, New Hampshire.

*Arthur Webber* a student of Economics and a member of the Lord Jeff Club at Amherst.

*Richard Knight* is a freshman at Deerfield Academy.

*Shirley Seligman* at Boston University, Boston.

*Courtland Brown and Philip Fowler* at Harvard College, Cambridge.

*Priscilla Roundy and Barbara Irving* at Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School in Boston.

*Barbara Whitaker* is employed at *Whitaker Lumber Yards*, Beverly.

*Cynthia Hall* has been appointed to the Dean's List at Endicott College, Beverly Farms.

*Robert '37 and Richard '36 McManus* at St. John's Preparatory School, Danvers.

*Edward Hamilton* is an employee of the First National Bank in Boston.

*Shirley Murch* at Bryant-Stratton College in Boston.

*Merle McKay* a graduate of Holyoke College is taking a graduate course at North Carolina University.

*Richard Rumney '34* a Post Graduate of '40 and *John Davey, Edgar Haley, Frederick Desmond, Alwyn Waite and David Wood '35* are enrolled at Northeastern University.

*Ruth Haskell '40* is at Oak Grove Seminary in Vassorlboro, Maine.

*David Foster '38* has entered Noble's and Greenough's School in Dedham.

*John Wilson '40* has been elected treasurer of his class at Tilton Academy.

*George Stickney '39* has entered New Hampton School for Boys in New Hampshire.

At Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Medford, *Ruth Sweet '38* is taking a nursing course.

*William Gardner '30* is a first classman at West Point.

*Robert Tannebring '38* is attending Governor Dummer Academy.

*Robert Dooling '36* is employed at Almy's in the Men's Clothing Department.

*Roma Reid '33* graduated from Burdett Business College, Lynn, and now holds a position at the United Shoe Machinery Company.

*George Ham '34* is working as a laboratory assistant at the Raytheon Manufacturing Corporation in Waltham, Massachusetts.

# Bursting Bombs

## Bambino, Da Pup

*With Apologies to Thomas Daly*

Bambino, mine dog, he's a losta wan day  
Heesa good leetla dog; why hees runna away?  
Bambino, mine dog, why you runna away?  
All day I am walk, I am walk on da street;

I walka so long, she ees hurta mine feet;  
I looka all da day for mine dog, but no find!  
I looka so hard I am theenk I am blind.  
Bambino, you maka me theenk I am blind!

Dere's no place een dat ceety dot I am not go.  
I am ache froma walk froma head to dat toe.  
I'm come home wid da heart she'a full of da  
      woe,  
W'en I see on da floor, Bambino!

It'sa under da stove dat Bambino—ees hide,  
Dat bad dog; he'sa letta me search far an' wide;  
I'm oughta taka da whip to his hide,  
But I couldn't do dat to Bambino.

FREDERICK M. HOAR, *Sports Editor.*

## Hits

Flowing Gold—All A's on one report card.  
The Rain Came—So did the report cards.  
Foreign Correspondent—History Period.  
The Great Dictator—Raymond Smith.  
Wuthering Heights—Miss Spofford.  
Knut Rockne—Coach Brown.  
The Man Who Talked Too Much—Got detention.  
Rhythm on the River—Music period.  
The Crooked Road—To English in Room 23.  
Wildcat Bus—North Beverly round-trip.

## Advertisements

### *For Rent*

Two communicating sets for study hall and boring class periods. Very cheap, as it is for a good cause. Apply room 44.

### *For Sale*

Block of specially camouflaged note paper, not white and our pamphlet on "How to Send a Note." Guaranteed good results. Send \$.10 in lunch tickets to the Teachers' Distraction Company.

### *Wanted*

Will do anyone's homework cheap. This does not include English. See Manning Chellis.

## Movie Quiz

The answers to the questions below are titles of motion pictures.

1. One-fourth of this motion picture will make Eddie Cantor very happy.
2. How should a ballet dancer dance?
3. What men in Canada always get thier man?
4. If you built a fire under Fort Knox what would you expect to find?

You will find the answers on page 26.





### Faculty Flashes

**FLASH!** A message passed the *Fleet* stating it was all *Bunk* and the *Whorff* at Norden was not ruined.

Attention: All local pedestrians are warned to *Waite* until the *Porters* have settled their strike before venturing near.

The *Coleman* at Ward Four is told to stop *Pullen* coal through the *Parks*.

A local resident complained to the police stating, "Dat *Brown* dog is a bad *Barker* and she *Hoyt* my lawn *And-er-son* bit my leg."

"Oh, *Dutelle*," shouted an onlooker.

Be back in a flash with more trash at six a.m.

SALLY ANN COHN, L1.

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### Believe Me

The man yelled, "Lights out," so we all put them on;

A silence fell as I blew my horn;

There in the blackout with the lights in my face

I yelled out a whisper, as the bombs fell through space.

The sirens blew, so off I flew,

The shelter was crowded, but no one was there;

My face was clean with mud, and blood flowed from my hair;

A soldier raised his gun, I thought I was all done.

RICHARD TRACEY, L2.

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### Answers To The Movie Quiz

1. Four Sons.
2. On Your Toes.
3. Northwest Mounted Police.
4. Flowing Gold.

### Boners

**WE** saw the school building coming in on the train.

Wading in the water on an oyster shell, he cut his foot.

It was too bad, that the game was postponed.

A kirk is a short dagger.

He used mopium.

We hear the prancing of reindeer hoofs lightly pounding on the roof tops of American children.

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### Books for Briscoe

THE MODERN SELF-EDUCATOR for "D" students.

JUST FISHING for truants.

STARS ON THE SEA—Miss Fleet.

HE WENT WITH CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS—Miss Hazelton.

THE 1941 INFORMATION, PLEASE—Miss Whorff  
FINAL EDITION—Briscoe Briefs staff.

YOUR PERSONALITY—Miss Sybil Barker.

THE EARTH AND THE STARS—Nature Club.

A CHILD'S GARDEN OF VERSES—Freddy Hoar.

GULLIVER'S TRAVELS—James Maybe.

LAST OF THE MOHICANS—Edward Martin.

HOW TO WATCH FOOTBALL—Polly Parker and  
George Tozer.

CAPTAINS COURAGEOUS—Bill Mercaldi.

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### The Hit Parade

The Woodpecker Song—Not allowed in Room 10.

I Love to Tell a Story—Miss Mullen.

I've Got My Eyes on You—Traffic Squad.

Too Many Girls—Thomas Quinn.

Boom Town—Where there is no school.

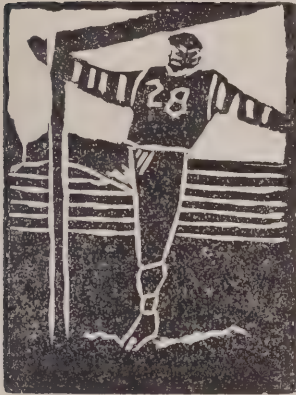
What's the Matter with Me—Humor Editors.

Playmates—Especially in study period.

In the Mood—To sleep in Math.

# Rallicking Raiders

**Hip! Hip!**



**T**HROUGH thick and thin the Briscoe football team is supported by the eight cheer by the eight cheer-leaders who do their best to make the crowd roar. To put some "oomph" into the Briscoe locomotive and

incidentally into the student body is their goal.

An alert agile lad is Gordon Hamilton, leader of the squad. He bounces around in front of the stands like a rubber ball as he inspires each to yell his loudest. If you want to get double pleasure for your money come to the Briscoe football games, and enjoy the antics of the cheerleaders as well as the games.

## The Football Season

**B**ISCOE Junior High football team opened its 1940 season September 30, at Gloucester. During the first quarter Briscoe pushed their opponents all over the field, but could not score. Briscoe was able to score in the second quarter when Allen Elliott right guard intercepted a lateral from the Gloucester right-half and made the first touchdown.

On the afternoon of October 7, the Briscoe gridders clashed with the Northeastern Eleven at the Hurd Stadium for the first home game of the 1940 season. Throughout the first half the Briscoe boys proved superior to their

opponents. Early in the third period, the blue and white battlers thrust well inside the visitor's twenty-yard line, but were halted by a penalty.

The third winning game of the year was played when Briscoe met Southern Junior High School, a heavier and more experienced team at the Hurd Stadium, Beverly, on October 14. The quarterback, Paul Harrington, completed six out of seven passes, the majority of which were caught by Captain William Mercaldi. Norman Scimanna, right half-back, substitute, made the point after the touchdown.

Although they outplayed Marblehead, Briscoe could not push over a score Monday, October 28, at Hurd Stadium.

Briscoe lost a chance to score when a fumble ended a drive which started from the Red and Black twenty-seven-yard line as a result of a poor Marblehead kick.

Armistice Day, November 11, ended the Briscoe football season, as the Blue and White emerged tied, scored upon, but undefeated.

A fortunate safety on Needham gave the game gridders a slight edge over the visitors, in the 15-14 victory. The features of the game were provided by Captain Bill Mercaldi, hard running halfback, and Briscoe's chucking quarterback, Paul Harrington.

The Needham team played a well-regulated game, although the home team provided the spectacular play of the afternoon. Needham scored first, but Briscoe followed in the second period with two consecutive touchdowns. A Needham touchdown early in the start of the second half overshadowed Briscoe's points, 14-13. However the safety in the fourth quarter gave Briscoe her needed two points.



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*Wolf*  
Wolf Junior High School  
Easton, Pennsylvania

A library club was formed to help the pupils in finding a fast way to get library books. A girl was placed in

charge of a section of the library.

Letters are awarded to pupils of various activities, such as, athletic teams and clubs for outstanding work during the year.

*The Echo*  
Leominster Junior High School  
Leominster, Massachusetts

The purpose of the International Friendship League is to create international understanding between American children and children of other lands. This club has sponsored an amateur hour and a dance.

*Roosevelt Recorder*  
Roosevelt Junior High School  
Elizabeth, New Jersey

A new amendment has been added to the Student Council Constitution which limits the number of extra-curricular activities a student may join.

*The Stylus*  
Lincoln Junior High School  
Malden, Massachusetts

Grade Nine Day rates high in the lives of the graduating class. Sports during the day and appropriate festivities at night feature the program of the day.

*The Curtin Junior Citizen*  
Curtin Junior High School  
Williamsport, Pennsylvania

An assembly was presented patterned after the radio program, "Information, Please." The program was a contest between two divisions. The whole school, even the pupils not on the stage, were plunged deep in thought.

*Junior High Broadcast*  
Waterville Junior High School  
Waterville, Maine

A class in Home Furnishings decided to renovate some furniture in the teachers' room. The manual training department repaired the framework and the Home Furnishings class replaced the padding of a couch.

*The Paulding Tattler*  
James K. Paulding Junior High  
The Bronx, New York

Delegates attended the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Convention where two thousand seven hundred twenty-three students, editors from twenty-eight states gathered. These editors represented school magazines and newspapers from all parts of the United States.

*The March*  
Francis A. March Junior High School  
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The members of the Science club will make examinations of specimens of stagnant and fresh water under the microscope. Some will make a study of snakes and insects and others will collect black ants and construct aquariums for them.

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